GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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AIRCARFT FOR RELEIF MATERIALS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have put some aircraft on operation to deal with recent earthquake disaster in Gujarat and to carry relief material for the quake victims;

(b) if so, the total number thereof alongwith the details in this regard;

(c) whether these aircraft operated their flights to carry relief material to their full capacity;

(d) if so, the total number of flights operated by them; and

(e) the agency bearing expenses on the operation for the said aircrafts?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b), (c), & (d):- Yes Sir. Ministry of Civil Aviation has taken various measures for relief operations in connection with earthquake in Gujarat. 173 relief flights (including 126 international) have been operated at Ahemdabad and Bhuj airports upto 22.2.2001. Indian Airlines have operated 184 additional flights and uplifted 775 tonnes of relief material from 26th January to 14th February, 2001. Air India has handled 56 flights carrying relief material at Mumbai and Delhi airports and received 376.875 tonnes of relief material from aborad from 26th January to 22nd February 2001.

(e):- Indian Airlines had issued instructions for acceptance of gratis relief material for quake victims. Air India had offered to transport relief material free of cost from various points to India. Airports Authority of India have waived off all airport charges to all domestic/ international flights operated exclusively for relief operation and also waived of charges of cargo/ terminal handling upto 28.2.2001.